

BURKHOLDER'S BANKING BILL

Something Like Breidenbach's Guaranty Fund Plan.

TO PROTECT DEPOSITORS

Five per cent of Deposits Must Be Put Up.

FOR NICARAGUAN CANAL

Resolution Passes With a Whop-Moment to a Martyr—Judge Babbs' Bill Recommended.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The most important bill of the session, so far, was introduced by Burkholder (Republican) of Marion, this afternoon. It is a banking bill something after the plan of Breidenbach's guaranty fund bill. It protects bank depositors by requiring all state banks to deposit with a state board composed of the state bank commissioner, state treasurer, attorney general and two bankers chosen by the bankers of the state, 5 per cent of all deposits. Bankers may, if they desire, instead of turning over 5 per cent of their deposits, pay in interest on that amount at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent. The bill is different from Breidenbach's in making a provision that before a charter shall be issued to any person or persons to establish a state bank they shall make proof of their financial ability and the demands of the community for another bank. Proof also of moral character and straight business methods must be made and the capital stock of such bank must be paid in from the money belonging to the stockholders or board of directors themselves. Upon meeting all these requirements to the satisfaction of the safety fund board, a charter shall be issued for the establishment of a bank. Another feature of the bill different from that of Breidenbach's is that the law is not to go into effect until 1900, so that state bankers who do not wish to come under the law may nationalize or quit business, and national bankers who want to do so may change to state banks. The state bank commissioner shall be ex-officio president of the board and the attorney general secretary. Four meetings of the board are provided for each year, the banker members to have \$25 per day for time actually put in. The board is allowed a clerk.

Both houses adjourned to Monday afternoon.

BABBS' BILL RECOMMENDED.

The House Judiciary committee has had Judge Babbs' bill providing for appropriation of money by county commissioners to fight the Colorado ditch companies, under consideration for two days, and this morning recommended it for passage. It is thought now that the bill will have no opposition.

FOR THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

Adams of Butler introduced a resolution yesterday instructing the Kansas senators and representatives in Washington to support any measure coming up which has for its object the immediate construction of the Nicaragua canal. The resolution came up this morning and passed with a whirl. In full, it is as follows:

"Whereas, the United States has become one of the great world powers, and it is the duty of the United States to preserve and promote, a vast coast line to protect and patrol, and widely scattered possessions, making it necessary to police the seas with the authority of the nation and the presence of its flag; and

"Whereas, the mobilization and concentration of our navy on either side of the continent, an exigency might require, is rendered impossible by a long and perilous journey through uncertain waters, involving the circumnavigation of a continent and the crossing of thirteen thousand miles to accomplish a distance of thirty—

"A condition which not only retards the development of our commerce, but which confronts the nation with the necessity for the building and maintenance of two navies where one might suffice; and

"Whereas, in peace or war the necessity exists with equal force, therefore, be it resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein, that our senators be instructed and our representatives respectfully requested to aid in securing some suitable and competent provision for the speedy construction of the Nicaragua canal under the control of the United States government and in such manner as it may direct.

"Resolved, further, That a copy of these resolutions and preamble, duly attested, be forwarded by the secretary of state to the president of the United States senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and to each of our senators and representatives in congress."

TO FREEDOM'S FIRST MARTYR.

Osborne of Douglas introduced a bill appropriating \$200 for the erection of a monument to Charles W. Dow in Woodland cemetery, Baldwin, Kan. Dow was killed in 1855, three miles northwest of where Baldwin is now, by a state right or pro-slavery crank named Coleman, and was the first man to die in cold blood for the freedom of American negroes. He is termed the first martyr to the cause of freedom. Last summer his body was taken up from the prairie grove where it had been buried forty years and put in the Baldwin cemetery, where a monument is to be erected.

MORE HOUSE COMMITTEES.

Speaker Osborn announced some more committees this morning as follows:

Live stock—W. C. Miller, Barber, F. H. Ford, Hamilton, A. C. Snyder, Chase.

Cities of the first class—F. B. Dawes, Leavenworth, D. F. Campbell, Burlington, W. C. Stephenson, Shawnee, John Sisson, Atchison, J. S. Edwards, Wyandotte, J. W. Adams, Sedgwick, Z. L. Wise, Reno, Effes and Saline—E. R. Burkholder, Marion, E. P. Rorer, Elmer, George W. Wiley, Meade and Seaward, W. F. Coulson, Harper, A. J. Stanley, Lincoln, W. E.

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Warns Western Democrats to Let be This "Dead Issue."

IF IT IS RESURRECTED

Capital Will Flee the Country—His Ambiguous Wind-Up.

NEW YORK, JAN. 20.—Richard Croker, in an interview tonight, said:

"The sixteen to one question is a dead issue. This was proven conclusively by the expression of the will of the people in 1896, when they elected Mr. McKinley president of the United States."

"Now the democrats of the west and other sections of the country are trying to force this dead issue upon the democratic party and to make the old dead cry of '16 to 1' the democratic slogan in 1900."

"Why should we carry a dead weight in this campaign? The times of four years ago are past. Today the times are different and the issues are not the same."

"Speaking for this section of the country, I say that if the sixteen to one question is again brought before the people there will be felt again throughout the nation the same distrust that prevailed in 1896. During the fall of that year every man with a dollar of surplus, whether a millionaire or a laboring man, locked it up so securely that there was actually no money in circulation. As a natural consequence, the times then became well-nigh desperate. Look back at the winter of 1896 and see what the mere rumor of silver coinage at the rate of 16 to 1 did to this country. You could not get money in the banks. You could not raise money on any kind of security, and the result was the very hardest kind of times."

"From the south and west there always comes the hue and cry against New York because it is the money center of the United States. But whenever there is any great public improvement to be made in any section of the country, the first look for help is towards New York."

"They rush to our great city to raise the money. They come here for the money to build their railroads, to construct their waterworks, to erect their plants for gas service and bond their sites for any kind of improvement. Then, no matter how much benefit is derived from this section of the country, there is always the same howl against the great city because it is the money center of the country and that which while improvement would be a help to the nation, it is a burden to New York."

"If this silver question comes again before the people and is made a factor in the national platform, the moneyed men of the east will look for investment outside of their country and the banks in other states in the Union will be unable to borrow money in the east. The result will be that the poor will be the great sufferers."

"The free silver issue is merely a local issue. In